

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

1. (Currently Amended) A foaming composition which is a cream for topical application, and which comprises, in an aqueous medium:

(1) a surfactant system, which comprises at least 10% by weight of water-soluble soap(s) with respect to the total weight of the composition such that at least one paracrystalline phase selected from the group consisting of direct hexagonal phase, cubic phase, and mixtures thereof, appears when the temperature increases above 30 °C and such that said paracrystalline phase remains present up to at least 45 °C; and

(2) an active agent selected from the group consisting of anti-seborrhoeic active agents and antimicrobial agents.

2. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said paracrystalline phase comprises at least one direct hexagonal phase.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said surfactant system comprises at least one water-soluble surfactant and at least one water-insoluble surfactant.

5. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the surfactant system comprises at least one water-soluble anionic surfactant.

6. (Original) The composition according to Claim 4, wherein the water-soluble anionic surfactant is selected from the group consisting of carboxylic acids and salts thereof, ethoxylated carboxylic acids and salts thereof, sarcosinates and acylsarcosinates and salts thereof, taurates and methyltaurates and salts thereof, isethionates and acyl isethionates and salts thereof, sulfosuccinates and salts thereof, alkyl sulfates and alkyl ether sulfates and salts thereof, monoalkyl and dialkyl esters of phosphoric acid and salts thereof, alkanesulfonates

and salts thereof, bile salts, lipoamino acids and salts thereof, geminal surfactants and mixtures thereof.

7. (Original) The composition according to Claim 4, wherein the water-soluble surfactant is an amphoteric or zwitterionic surfactant selected from the group consisting of betaines, sulphobetaines, alkylamphoacetates and mixtures thereof.

8. (Original) The composition according to Claim 4, wherein the water-soluble surfactant is a nonionic surfactant selected from the group consisting of polyol ethers, polyglycerol ethers and esters, polyoxyethylenated fatty alcohols, alky-C₁-C₁₄-polyglucosides, alkyl glucopyranosides and alkyl thioglucopyranosides, alkyl maltosides, alkyl-N-methylglucamides, polyoxyethylenated sorbitan esters, aminoalcohol esters, and mixtures thereof.

9. (Currently Amended) The composition according to Claim 4, wherein the water-insoluble surfactant is selected from the group consisting of carboxylic acids and salts thereof; glycerol esters and fatty acids esters; alkyl-C₁₅-C₃₀-polyglucosides; ~~optionally oxyethylenated sterol~~ sterol, oxyethylenated sterol and phytosterol derivatives; alkali metal salts of cholesterol sulfate; alkali metal salts of cholesteryl phosphate; polyoxyethylenated fatty alcohols; dialkyl phosphates; lecithins; sphingomyelins; ceramides; and mixtures thereof.

10. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the surfactant system is present in an amount ranging from 20 to 65% by weight, relative to the total weight of the composition.

11. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said surfactant system comprises from 10 to 50% by weight of water-soluble surfactant, relative to the total weight of the composition.

12. (Original) The composition according to Claim 11, wherein said surfactant system comprises at least 15% by weight of water-soluble surfactant, relative to the total weight of the composition.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said surfactant system comprises from 5 to 50% by weight of water-insoluble surfactant, relative to the total weight of the composition.

15. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said surfactant system comprises a total amount of soap of at least 20% by weight, relative to the total weight of the composition.

16. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said active agent is selected from the group consisting of oestrogens, cyproterone and its acetate, retinoids and aroretinoids, retinol and its derivatives, sulfur and sulfur-containing derivatives, benzoyl peroxide, zinc derivatives, aluminum chloride, selenium disulfide, B vitamins, β -lactam derivatives, quinolone derivatives, ciprofloxacin, norfloxacin, tetracycline and its salts, erythromycin and its salts, amikacin and its salts, triclosan, triclocarban, phenoxyethanol, phenoxypropanol, pheoxyisopropanol, doxycycline and its salts, capreomycin and its salts, chlorhexidine and its salts, chlortetracycline and its salts, oxytetracycline and its salts, clindamycin and its salts, ethambutol and its salts, hexamidine and its salts, metronidazole and its salts, pentamidine and its salts, gentamycine and its salts, kanamycin and its salts, lineomycin and its salts, methacycline and its salts, methenamine and its salts, minocycline and its salts, neomycin and its salts, netilmicin and its salts, paromomycin and its salts, streptomycin and its salts, tobamycin and its salts, miconazole and its salts, amantadine and its salts, oxtopirox, para-chloro-meta-xlenol, nystatin, tolnaftate, zince pyrithione, clotrimazole, salicylic acid, 5-n-octanoylsalicylic acid, 3-hydroxybenzoic acid, glycolic acid,

lactic acid, 4-hydroxybenzoic acid, acetylsalicylic acid, 2-hydroxybutanoic acid, 2-hydroxypentanoic acid, 2-hydroxyhexanoic acid, phytic acid, N-acetyl-L-cysteine acid, lipoic acid, azelaic acid, arachidonic acid, ibuprofen, naproxen, hydrocortisone, acetaminophen, resorcinol, lidocaine hydrochloride, neomycin sulfate, octoxyglycerol, octanoylglycine, caprylylglycol, 10-hydroxy-2-decanoic acid, and mixtures thereof.

17. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the amount of said active agent ranges from 0.05 % to 20 % by weight, relative to the total weight of the composition.

18. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, which further comprises at least one or more anti-inflammatory and/or anti-irritant agents.

19. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, which further comprises at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of lower alcohols, polyols, sugars, and mixtures thereof.

20. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, which further comprises at least one thickener.

21. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, which is a cleansing composition for greasy skin and/or acne-prone skin.

22. (Currently Amended) A method for cleansing greasy skin and/or acne-prone skin, said method comprising:

(A) applying to the skin of a subject in need thereof, an effective amount of a composition in the presence of water;

(B) massaging said composition to form a foam; and

(C) removing said foam by rinsing with water,

wherein said composition comprises, in an aqueous medium:

(1) a surfactant system, which comprises at least 10% by weight of water-soluble soap(s) with respect to the total weight of the composition such that at least one paracrystalline phase selected from the group consisting of direct hexagonal phase, cubic phase, and mixtures thereof, appears when the temperature increases above 30 °C and such that said paracrystalline phase remains present up to at least 45 °C; and

(2) an active agent selected from the group consisting of anti-seborrhoeic active agents and antimicrobial agents.

23. (Previously Presented) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the amount of said active agent ranges from 0.1% to 10% by weight, relative to the total weight of the composition.

24. (Previously Presented) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the amount of said active agent ranges from 0.3% to 5% by weight, relative to the total weight of the composition.

25. (Previously Presented) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said active agent is selected from the group consisting of a retinoid, benzoyl peroxide, salicylic acid, azelaic acid and 5-n-octanoylsalicylic acid.

26. (Previously Presented) The composition according to Claim 4, wherein the ratio of water-soluble surfactant to water-insoluble surfactant ranges from 2:1 to 3:1.

27. (Previously Presented) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the paracrystalline phase is a direct hexagonal phase.

28. (Previously Presented) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the paracrystalline phase is a cubic phase.

29. (Previously Presented) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the paracrystalline phase is a mixture of a direct hexagonal phase and a cubic phase.